

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:1
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2001
TELECOM FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to set up new telephone exchanges in the rural, tribal and remote areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (c) the expenditure to be incurred thereon;
- (d) whether the Government propose to link all the telephone exchanges having 1000 or more lines with optical fibre cable (OFC) or microwave system in the country; and
- (e) if so, the time by which all these exchanges are likely to be connected with OFC?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STA
QUESTION NO. 1 FOR 23rd JULY, 2001 REGARDING TELECOM FACILITIES.

During the current financial year 2001-2002, it is planned to set up 1616 new telephone exchanges in the rural and tribal areas of the country which include remote areas. Out of these, 1352 exchanges are planned for rural areas and 264 exchanges are planned for tribal areas. The overall expenditure to set up these exchanges is expected to be about Rs. 888.80 crores. State-wise information is given in the Annexure.

All the exchanges having 1000 or more lines are likely to be connected with reliable media like Optical fibre or Microwave by March, 2002.

ANNEXURE

**STATE-WISE DETAILS OF NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES PROPOSED TO BE SET UP IN THE RURAL AND TRIBAL ,
OF THE COUNTRY DURING 2001-2002 AND LIKELY EXPENDITURE TO BE INCURRED THEREON.**

SL. NO. STATE NO.OF NEW EXCHANGES PLANNED TO BE SET UP DURING 2001-02 LIKELY
RURAL AREA TRIBAL AREA TOTAL EXPENDITURE
IN CRORES
OF RUPEES

1	ANDHRA PRADESH	150	10	160	88.00
2	ANDMAN & NIKOBAR	2	1	3	1.65
3	ASSAM	24	6	30	16.50
4	BIHAR	110	0	110	60.50
5	JHARKHAND	0	90	90	52.80
6	GUJARAT	107	20	127	69.85
7	HARYANA	30	0	30	16.50
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	50	10	60	33.00
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	20	0	20	11.00
10	KARNATAKA	105	20	125	68.75
11	KERALA	36	4	40	22.00
12	MADHYA PRADESH	21	2	23	12.65
13	CHHATISGARH	14	28	42	23.10
14	MAHARASHTRA	194	0	194	106.70
15	GOA	6	0	6	3.30

16	MEGHALAYA	0	4	4	1.10
18	TRIPURA	2	2	4	2.20
19	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	4	4	2.20
20	MANIPUR	2	1	3	1.65
21	NAGALAND	0	3	3	1.65
22	ORISSA	25	25	50	27.50
23	PUNJAB	68	0	68	37.40
24	RAJASTHAN	96	4	100	55.00
25	TAMILNADU	35	0	35	19.25
26	UTTAR PRADESH (EAST)	74	4	78	42.90
27	UTTAR PRADESH (WEST)	25	0	25	13.75
28	UTTARANCHAL	17	3	20	11.00
29	WEST BENGAL	135	21	156	85.80
30	SIKKIM	4	0	4	2.20

TOTAL	1352	264	1616	888.80
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